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Subject: Opposed to the Proposed Microsoft Settlement

Dear Judge Kollar-Kotelly,

Having read and considered the the proposed consent final judgment for USA versus Microsoft and feel compelled to voice my opinion that it is inadequate. It appears to neither adequately redress past wrongs by Microsoft nor put in place significant barriers to future abuses.

My personal passion is in reducing the detrimental effect that Microsoft's monopolistic practices have on on the computer industry. It is my conviction that the proposed judgement is woefully inadequate in this regard. While attempts were made to open product API's, provisions J.1 and J.2 appear to allow Microsoft great latitude in withholding information on security grounds.

Further, the bundling practices that are so central to this case continue to stifle inovation by removing the financial incentives and rewards of innovation. A remedy along the lines of making Microsoft products as explicit extra-cost options in the purchase of new computers would seem necessary to remove this barrier. This would both allow consumers meaningful choises and make competition feasible.

It would still seem that the simplest and fairest solution is the structural remedy. In the absence of that it seems necessary to carefully craft a much tighter and much more comprehensive responce to Microsoft abuses.

Sincerely,

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